

### **REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 25, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were pending in this Application. Claims 2-10 and 12-18 were allowed and Claims 1 and 11 were objected to. Applicants amend the Specification and Claims 1-6, 8, 10-16 and 18 to overcome the objections, and respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

#### **Priority**

Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for foreign priority based on the application DE 102 30 098.4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.55, Applicants intend to submit a certified copy of the aforementioned priority application upon receipt of favorable action in the present application and prior to payment of any issue fees.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

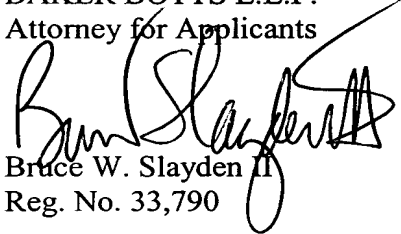
Applicants appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2-10 and 12-18 are allowed. Applicants amend the Specification and Claims 1-6, 8, 10-16 and 18 to overcome the objections, and believe this application is now in condition for allowance in light of the amendments.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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